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Children in the Supplementary Feeding Program, Wadi Sharife, largest refugee camp in Sudan, assisted through Africa Hunger Appeal

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Africa Secretary Appointed

At the May meeting of the UCBWM Board of Directors Andrea I. Young was elected as UCBWM Regional Secretary for Africa. A native of Atlanta, GA, and an attorney by professional training, she began her duties on September 1. She succeeds Eugene Johnson, who has been serving as Acting Regional Secretary for Africa for the past year.

Prior to her appointment to the UCBWM staff, Ms. Young was a legislative assistant on the staff of Sen. Edward Kennedy in Washington, working on issues of civil rights, the environment, Africa, and minority constituencies. Previously, she had been on the staff of Andrew Young Associates, Inc., and of Team Defense

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Africa Hunger Special Appeal Reaches $1,800,000

Response by members of the United Church of Christ to the hunger crisis in Africa has brought special gifts in excess of $1,800,000 to the Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Since last November, when the special appeal was made, contributions received by UCBWM have been made available to partner agencies at work in the devastated countries, particularly in Ethiopia and the Sudan.

In late July Rev. Lloyd G. Van Vactor, UCBWM Division of World Service General Secretary and one of two Church World Service representatives, attended a

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RESPONSE TO MEXICO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

Immediately following word of the devastating earthquakes that struck Mexico, UCBWM responded with $10,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing income to Church World Service. This initial contribution will be augmented by additional OGHS funds and by designated gifts which are received by UCBWM. A few days after the earthquakes struck, a CWS team went to Mexico to consult with church leaders and to assess ways in which American churches could best respond. World Council of Churches staff asked that the CWS team also represent the WCC in Mexico. Members of the team included Mr. Stanley Mitton, CWS international disaster response coordinator; Mr. Don Sibley, CWS Latin American regional representative, and Ms. Chess Campbell, a former Presybterian missionary who served in Mexico for more than twenty years.

Designated gifts can be sent through local congregations to the UCBWM Service Division, clearly designated for "Mexico Relief." □

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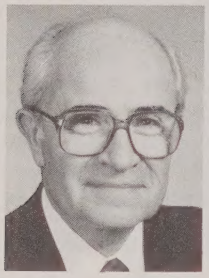


For many "peace" seems to be the absence of violence. Period!

Ironically there are many in the world who insist that the only way to restrict violence (so that there may be peace) is by developing and maintaining the world's most powerful tools for violence. Therefore the nations (east and west, north and south) continue to pursue the obscene course of squandering this planet's resources on military expenditures, insisting that a commitment to peace requires a readiness to wage war.

At the 1985 General Synod of the United Church of Christ, the delegates clearly held a quite different notion of the essence of peace. The word "justice" was prominent in the discussions and the Synod has commended "justice and peace" as a priority for the whole United Church of Christ.

The designation of justice and peace as one of the priorities of the church and a related Synod action which calls upon the church to strive to be a Just Peace Church are both strong initiatives to stake a claim that peace cannot be principally understood as the absence of violence. Justice, the Synod action affirms, must be seen as fundamental to the hope for, and the nurture of, peace.

The church as the body of Christ is called to shape its life in ways which will give expression to the same vision and values which shape the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. In moving to affirm the pursuit of justice as a key to peace the Synod delegates understood that they were being faithful to the vision of peace present in Jesus Christ, the Word of Life.

While the particular wording and shaping of this justice and peace priority by the General Synod action may bring some new emphases, the understanding that peace requires justice is certainly not new. Injustice is radically present in Central America and the Philippines, where there is massive poverty and massive oppression. Injustice is radically present in Eastern bloc nations and the Middle East, when many are denied civil rights and cut off from responsible access to political processes for self-determination. Injustice is radically present in South Africa and the United States, when the color of a person's skin restricts opportunities for jobs and education and denies an appropriate sense of self-worth. There will not be peace in the world as long as we do not have justice.

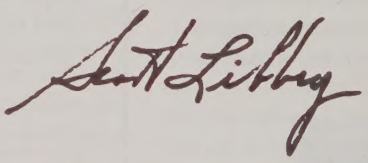
Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, calls us to work radically for justice and peace. Let us always remember, however, that this radical work for justice, if it is faithful to Jesus Christ, must also embrace the form of radical love.

At the World Council of Churches' Sixth General Assembly, meeting in Vancouver in 1983, the delegates were discussing a resolution on the evil of apartheid in South Africa. Emotions ran high in the debate, as leaders of the church from all over the world struggled to find the right words and actions to call the South African government to a change of policy. The language of the resolution began to edge toward cutting down the whites in South Africa with words which suggested that they were less than human. It was Bishop Tutu, from South Africa, who spoke to remind all that justice is needed but love must shape both justice and the manner in which it is to be sought. "The white South Africans," Bishop Tutu affirmed, "are our sisters and brothers in Christ, and Christ died for them surely as well as for all of the rest of us. It is the love of Christ which requires us to work that they and we may be freed from the injustice of apartheid. We must work for justice, to be sure, but we must work in love."

The Faith and Order Commission document of the World Council of Churches, *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry,* states, "the Church is called to proclaim and prefigure the kingdom of God. It accomplishes this by announcing the Gospel to the world and by its very existence as the body of Christ." The Gospel is the good news of God's suffering, forgiving, and redeeming love. The Gospel is the good news of a love which turns around the violence of self-centered power by finding peace in a self-surrendering love.

Let us work for justice and peace—as a goal for the whole of God's world. And let us be constantly chastened both by our absolute conviction that Christ died for all persons and by our absolute trust that God freely offers reconciling love.

By this gift of God's grace, the Church may serve to help the world move to a qualitatively new life of peace which has justice and love as its foundation. □



The 176th Annual Meeting
of the
United Church Board for World Ministries
will be held in
Hartford, CT, November 10-13, 1985
Theme: "Forward in Faith"

General Synod Acts on UCBWM Concerns

Affirmation of a new "partnership in mission" relationship with the Pentecostal Church of Chile was a highlight of the UCC General Synod 15, June 27-July 2, in Ames, IA. A Synod resolution, following UCBWM's recommendation, declares that the purpose of this partnership "will be to share in Christian solidarity, and to implement the mission of the church in the world." In his comments following adoption of the resolution, UCC President Avery Post stated, "We look forward to a new sharing in which each partner may enrich the other's understanding of the gospel and may strengthen the other in the task of fulfilling God's will in the world." In responding, Bishop Enrique Chavez, representing the Pentecostal Church of Chile, which has 150,000 members, stated that the relationship with the UCC expresses his church's concern to be "united in God's love with brothers and sisters throughout the world, even though our customs and traditions and experiences may be different." Symbolizing the celebration of the new mutual commitment, a pewter chalice was presented to Bishop Chavez "as a sign of unity in Christ and shared life in grace."

In addition to this new partnership, General Synod also celebrated older relationships with partner-churches around the world, symbolic of which a similar chalice was presented to Rev. John Nakajima, general secretary of the Kyodan (United Church of Christ in Japan), who was the featured speaker at UCBWM's International Luncheon at the Synod. The chalices were designed and donated by Rev. Raymond Gibson, of Providence, RI.

Another highlight at the Synod was the installation of Dr. Scott Libbey as UCBWM Executive Vice President as part of the Sunday morning worship service. UCBWM President Ralph Tuller emphasized the importance of having this occasion at General Synod, because "this mission is of the whole church."

Other actions taken by the Synod on international concerns included:

- Justice and Peace was selected as one of the two new priorities of the UCC for the next four years, along with Spiritual Renewal.
- The Synod declared the UCC to be a just peace church, with just peace defined as the presence and inter-relation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence.
- A pronouncement adopted by the Synod requests that all parts of the UCC begin immediately and complete within two years divestment from corporations with direct investments in South Africa and banks and other financial service institutions engaged in loans or credits to the government of South Africa and its agencies.
- The Synod expressed concern over US military and economic aid to the Philippines.
- A resolution on Central America calls on the US government to undertake a series of policies to further the search for peace in Central America, including to reinstate bilateral negotiations with Nicaragua, withdraw vetoes of multilateral loans, stop covert aid to Contras, support the Contadora peace-making efforts, abide by World Court rulings, and end all military maneuvers in Honduras.
- A related action in support of sanctuary for Central Americans supports passage of the De Concini-Moakley Bill suspending deportation of Salvadorans now in the US, calls on the Attorney General to grant extended voluntary departure status to Central American refugees until they can return safely to their homelands, and asks Congress to inves-

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meeting in Khartoum, Sudan, in which Church World Service joined with Protestant-related service agencies from several European countries to form the Sudan Round Table for Refugee and Emergency Programs. This will support the work of the Sudan Council of Churches, which has the largest and oldest program in that country responding to the needs of refugees and displaced Sudanese. New emergency help has been requested by the Sudan Council for programs in urban areas of Khartoum, where thousands of displaced Sudanese have sought refuge, as well as in western Sudan, where tens of thousands of Sudanese and Chadians are suffering from the continued drought.

In Ethiopia, Church World Service has worked for 21 years with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and for 15 years with the Christian Relief and Development Association. Because of these long relationships, it was possible for Church World Service to respond immediately and to continue assisting these well established Ethiopian agencies in the current emergency as well as in longer-term development.

Recently Church World Service has not only provided high protein and high calorie emergency rations to victims of the Ethiopian famine, but has also supplied air transport for food. Tents, blankets, and ten heavy-duty trucks for the delivery of aid in the rugged Ethiopian terrain were also made available by Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief. The agency also supports a medical personnel team of five nurses and a doctor to supervise intensive feeding programs in some refugee camps.

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Affirmation of partnership in mission relationship between UCC and Pentecostal Church of Chile, at UCC General Synod 15

Photo: UCC Office of Communication

Missionaries' Notebook

TURKEY

Alison J. Stendahl, *a teacher of math at the school in Izmir for the past five years, reminisces about a vacation trip with a group of friends to the neighboring country of Syria.*

On the train on our way to Latakia, I glance out the window at the mountains growing out of the flatness of the Syrian plains. I wonder about the people who live in this rocky landscape. Shepherd boy with your sheep, how must your day pass? . . . We stare at the foreignness of one another, at how we dress, how we speak, the gestures we adopt, our ways often a mystery to each other.

We begin to climb into the mountains that once seemed so far across the plains. The train slows down and proceeds more cautiously. Men and machine guns everywhere. Seeing the old weapons in a Syrian museum had reminded me that humankind has had its wars and killing for a very long time.

A bit of unpleasantness and hostility greeted us in Latakia. We knew the fear of being foreign and different. Yet through the haze of uncertainty and uneasiness came a father figure, grinning from ear to ear with a joy that could not be contained.

He quickly adopted the nine of us and swept us off on an unusual tour. He was Gabrielian Hratch, originally from Turkey, with a calling card that read: "General Marine Works Contractor . . . Engine, electrical repairs . . . ships, boats and cars, all spare parts available . . . Fully equipped workshop . . . With my experience as Chief Boy Scout, I can organize all kinds of excursions. Day and Night service."

And so we became organized. He led us to a 1000-year-old Greek Orthodox church locked away behind concealed doors, a small struggling church saying, "Support us; support our children so that they may have a chance to know."

The tour ended up in front of the local tea house with our sharing an abundant amount of cheese and pita. As I went with Gabrielian to get the cheese, he confided to me, "I was on my way to work when I encountered you. Because I am a Christian, I wanted to share my time and love with you. You know, I love all people. I love French, Arabs, Americans, Greeks, Turks. A Christian should love everyone." As he said this, I felt the love and joy that so strongly radiated from this man. He really did love everyone!

After our meal, out of nowhere, Gabrielian took out a beautiful long harmonica. Since he had paid for all the food, we had been trying to find something we could give him. He replied, "Do you know what you can give me? I long for groups to sing Christmas carols with!" So Christmas carols we sang, one after the other. We had lost the low profile we had been trying to keep. All of us in front of this tea house on a back street of Latakia, forgot our fear and sang as we have never sung before. Carols have never meant so much to me. The joy of Christmas, the love we shared, the security we felt—all of these and more. Regardless of our faith—and we were a very diverse group—we came together to celebrate our new friend.

TAIWAN

Gary Hoff and Linda Petrucelli *are in language study in Kaohsiung, in preparation for Linda to work in campus ministry in Tainan and Gary to do art and editorial work with the Church Press.*

The New Year celebration officially ended some evenings ago with the beautiful Lantern Festival. We went to Tainan, the oldest city on the island, where we visited two remarkable Taoist temples.

At one of them the temple choirs were doing "pai-pai" (worship), singing, playing Chinese instruments (odd-sounding gongs, cymbals, and small wooden percussion instruments) before several different altars. Many people were lighting incense, some old men were playing cards, and several young people appeared to be curious bystanders as we were.

The Lantern Festival is the time when all the children and their families go out at night with lighted lanterns. There is an old story that tells of a certain god in heaven who wanted to destroy the earth by fire. An advocate to save the earth was dispatched from heaven and the people duly warned. To trick the vengeful god, everyone lit lanterns to give the appearance that the earth was being consumed by fire and thereby destroyed. It seems to have religious origins of renewal and redemption.

But we are quickly learning that all religions are *not* equal. And that continually asking god for a son, for money or long life is quite different from praying to God because S/He is just, merciful and loving.

ZIMBABWE

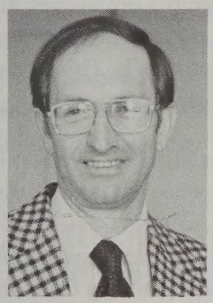
Allen and Judy Myrick *are involved in parish work and in leadership training in the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.*

Our primary responsibility is with four small congregations in the Kwekwe area. Kwekwe, located halfway between Zim-

babwe's two largest cities (150 miles to Harare and to Bulawayo), is a medium-sized town of perhaps 50,000 people.

The Secretary of the Church Synod has told us of how much the lay preachers who provide most of the local leadership in small rural congregations need support, encouragement, and further study. He outlined the need for Allen to help counsel new ministers when they come out of seminary and go into their first parish.

Independent Africa is a new experience for us—our ten earlier years in Africa were all in white-ruled South Africa. It's great to be where Africans are making their own decisions! The art of self-government is very complex; their history is a mixture of colonial domination and tribal governance. They are having to shape new nations in one of the most complex and insecure periods of human history—but they are working hard at it, and need so much to be given the space and the time for that work, without ideological pressures from West or East, and without the economic domination of the North (or of South Africa).



The economic future of these countries is uncertain. They are having to establish viable economies in a time when even the most developed countries struggle with economic forces they cannot control. They have suffered greatly from some types of "foreign aid," which impose Western technologies where there was no local infra-structure to support them, and from the continued sending of second- or third-rate machinery, drugs, and products that Western firms cannot peddle at home. Add to this the continent-wide drought, the shortage of foreign exchange, and an exploding population, and these nations have their hands full. But what they are tackling is *so* fundamentally important. And they so badly need friends (including nations) who will listen, and share, but will not impose insensitive ready-made solutions.

Sixth All-Christian Peace Assembly Convened in Prague

Seven UCC members were among the approximately 800 delegates and observers from churches in ninety countries who participated in the Sixth All-Christian Peace Assembly, July 2-9, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The Assembly, convened by the Christian Peace Conference, under the theme "God Calls: Choose Life!—The Hour Is Late," focused on the churches' role in the late 20th century in safeguarding the survival of human life and in the struggle for peace with justice.

Without doubt an outstanding highlight of the Assembly was a Joint Statement adopted by US and Nicaraguan delegates, affirming their determination "to maintain unity as Christians and to work for the achievement of just and peaceful relations" between the two nations. The Joint Statement continues: "We have experienced the joy of assembling together for the sake of peace, while at the same time we have felt deep sorrow and concern at the rapidly deteriorating situation being experienced by the Nicaraguan people. . . .

"On the Fourth of July, when the people of the United States are celebrating the anniversary of their own national independence, it is a source of profound pain that Nicaragua is compelled to live under the threat of military action by the United States or the forces it supports which would undermine the independence and self-determination Nicaraguans have so recently achieved for themselves. . . . We deplore and condemn all steps which have been undertaken by the United States Government to plan, finance, and carry out aggression against the government and people of Nicaragua." The Statement was jointly presented before the Assembly by representatives of the two delegations.

In an "Appeal to Christians throughout the World" the Assembly expressed sorrow and urgent concern at the current world situation: "Life is in peril as never before. Over us hangs the constant and growing threat of nuclear holocaust and winter, and the instability and increasing danger of the senseless and costly arms race at the expense of the hunger, dependence, and exploitation of the poor of the world. Every missile kills now. Millions of children die of hunger or preventable disease."

The Appeal calls on Christians "to choose life!" It "rejects nuclear weapons as a crime against humanity and denies that the arms race and the deterrent policies can ever provide security, but rather make the world daily more dangerous."

During the Assembly there was also held a joint meeting of the US and USSR delegations, at which mutual commitment was expressed to continue the building of bridges of cooperation by Christians in the two countries, regardless of prevailing political relations. "We pursue a better understanding of each other," affirmed Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Filaret of Kiev, "and we will not abandon this course."

Two UCC members were elected to positions of major responsibility in the Christian Peace Conference for the coming seven years, Ms. Alice Wimer as one of the Vice-Presidents and Rev. Christoph Schmauch as a Deputy General Secretary. UCBWM Europe Regional Secretary Rev. Kenneth Ziebell was another of the UCC participants in the Assembly. □

At Sixth All-Christian Peace Assembly, presentation of joint statement by US and Nicaraguan participants

Issue Perspective . . .

The Middle East continues to be a volatile region, and a major cause of this volatility is the unresolved Israeli-Palestinian issue. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has affected not only those two peoples—it has affected neighboring peoples as well, notably the Lebanese. Because the Middle East is regarded as "critical" by both superpowers, any conflict in the region carries the potential danger of superpower involvement.

In 1981 General Synod 13 affirmed the National Council of Churches' Middle East Policy Statement, which argued that peace between Israelis and Palestinians would require mutual recognition of each other's right to self-determination and that such recognition would have to come as the result of negotiations including all parties to the conflict: Israel, the Arab states, and the Palestinians. Noting that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is the only group capable of representing the Palestinian people, the statement urged that the PLO be brought to the negotiating table; at the same time it urged that the PLO renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist. In 1983 the UCC Executive Council, acting as General Synod *ad interim,* adopted a resolution urging the US to initiate discussions among all countries providing arms to Middle Eastern countries with the goal of imposing a "freeze" on the Middle East arms race.

CHURCH POSITIONS

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) has repeatedly urged international ecumenical partners to press for a solution to the Palestinian issue. In addition to the fact that approximately 10% of the Palestinians are Christian (mostly Orthodox), the MECC has pointed out that the instability engendered by the Palestinian problem has affected indigenous Christian communities adversely: extremism is on the rise, and Christians are emigrating from the region.

NEW CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The aftermath of the invasion of Lebanon has left the Palestinians weakened militarily, but prepared for political initiatives with Egypt and Jordan. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO, has met with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and with King Hussein of Jordan, and they have framed a joint Palestinian-Jordanian peace proposal. King Hussein and Arafat have agreed on the composition of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation which would meet with US officials before participating in talks with the Israelis. The US and Israel have raised objections about the Palestinian delegation, arguing that its members are too closely linked to the PLO. Israel does not approve of the US meeting with any joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. Recently, special envoy Richard Murphy visited the region but did not meet the delegation as the Jordanians had hoped. This was widely viewed as a setback in the peace process.

BASIC INFORMATION

Population:	Total population of Israel, 4,000,000, of which 600,000 Palestinian
	Total population of West Bank and Gaza (occupied by Israel since 1967), 1,300,000, of which 40,000 Jewish
	Palestinians in other countries total approx. 2,500,000, with largest number in Jordan
Area:	Area of Israel, 8,219 sq. mi. (about the size of Massachusetts)
	Area of West Bank and Gaza, 2,986 sq. mi. (Israeli government or Israelis control 51% of land area of West Bank and Gaza.)
Religion:	Israel is a Jewish state.
	Palestinians—approx. 10% Christian (primarily Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Anglican), remaining 90% almost all Sunni Moslems

Israel's Labor Prime Minister Shimon Peres seems more disposed toward a "peace for land" formula than his Likud predecessors, but the fragility of Israel's coalition government and the staunch opposition of Likud Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to any territorial compromise involving "Judaea and Samaria" (the West Bank) have made progress toward negotiations difficult.

In the meantime Arab-Jewish violence in Israel and the West Bank is on the increase. Arab violence seems to consist of sporadic outbursts of frustration, unrelated to any PLO directives. In reaction Israel has invoked British mandate regulations, which Menachem Begin once denounced as "fascist," to control the Arab population.

Palestinians in Lebanon are exposed to the hostility not only of "Christian" militias, but that of Shiites as well. Recently over 600 Palestinians were killed in the "war of the camps" in Beirut. Syria supported the Shiite Amal militia as a means of weakening Arafat and gaining control over the Palestinian movement. The Shiites have their own reasons for fighting the Palestinians; they fear the re-establishment of a PLO "state within a state" in

Israel and the Palestinians

Lebanon. Such a development could bring upon Shiite neighbors the unwanted attention of Israel.

A recent survey conducted by former Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti concludes that Israelis or the Israeli government now control 52% of the land in the West Bank. Israeli settlers number about 40,000, or less than 5% of the West Bank population.

Both houses of Congress have agreed on a foreign aid bill that includes a vastly disproportionate allocation of aid—mostly military, and mostly to Israel and Egypt—to the Middle East.

THE CONTINUING ISSUES

Many Palestinians and many Israelis argue that time is running out for an Israeli-Palestinian peace. They point to the rise of extremism in the region. Among Muslims the Iranian revolution and the successful resistance movement by the Shiites in southern Lebanon have affected the attitudes of younger generations who feel that secular political solutions have failed. Both King Hussein and President Mubarak are challenged by Islamic fundamentalist movements in their own countries, and even among the Palestinians, traditionally committed to secularism, there is a growing Islamic movement. Among the Israelis there is concern about the growing popularity of Meir Kahane's Kach movement, an openly racist party whose motto is "They (the Arabs) must go."

But even while potential peace initiatives wither up and die from lack of attention, the superpowers seem determined to promote their interests in the region through the generous provision of increasingly sophisticated arms. In addition to its largesse to Israel and Egypt, the US administration proposes major arms sales to Jordan. The Soviet Union, in the wake of the Lebanon war, has replaced destroyed Syrian weapons, tanks, and planes with new "state of the art" equipment—and Soviet advisers.

DEVELOPMENTS TO WATCH

- The foreign aid bill, which increasingly becomes a military aid bill
- Progress on the Jordanian-PLO proposal: US attitudes will make or break its success
- Revival of the Jerusalem bill, an effort to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Only two countries, El Salvador and Costa Rica, maintain embassies in Jerusalem. In February, 1984, the UCBWM Board of Directors opposed moving the US Embassy because to do so would prejudge eventual negotiations on the status of Jerusalem and would provoke an outburst among Islamic countries.

FURTHER STEPS

This Issue Perspective is designed as a concise key to the understanding of a critical issue. If you have a particular interest in this subject and would like to receive more detailed information, you may obtain additional materials by writing to:

Middle East Office, UCBWM
475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10115

If you would like to maintain a continuing interest in Middle East issues and are willing to undertake an advocacy role on these issues when needed, you may participate in the Middle East network of UCBWM's Global Advocates Ministry, which will provide resource materials and briefings on a regular basis, as well as special alerts about critical issues requiring action. Membership forms for the Global Advocates Ministry are available from:

World Issues Office, UCBWM
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New York, NY 10115 □

UCBWM Responds to Domestic Disasters

The UCBWM Division of World Service, in addition to its world-wide development, relief, and refugee activities, also carries responsibility for domestic disaster response. Three recent examples indicate the importance of this role in varying ways.

- When a large area of the parish of Skyland UCC, Los Gatos, CA, had to be evacuated because of fire on July 8-9, the church's pastor, Rev. John Anderson, with the help of disaster relief funds from One Great Hour of Sharing took the lead in convening representatives of the churches of the area to form an ecumenical relief organization called Good Neighbors Fire Relief (GNFR). This local group began immediately to define needs, recruit volunteers to meet the needs, and locate temporary housing, prior to the arrival on the scene of such larger organizations as the Red Cross.

  When Red Cross and government agencies did become involved, GNFR continued to share in relief efforts and made available the churches' facilities to provide assistance. In such instances local churches likewise have an important continuing role in follow-up activities after outside agencies have concluded their relief work; in this case the UCC congregation is designated as the agency for receiving contributions to help in the rebuilding effort of needy families affected by the disaster.

- When severely destructive tornados on May 31 struck ten counties in Pennsylvania and four in Ohio, Rev. Gustav Kuether, the UCBWM staff person responsible for domestic disaster response, visited the affected region, where the death toll was more than 90. Rev. Sandra Neal, Associate Association Minister in Eastern Association of the UCC Ohio Conference after a visit to Newton Falls OH, reported the sanctuary of First Congregational UCC there to be completely destroyed, while the Christian Education wing and parsonage sustained damage. Nevertheless, the church made its remaining space available to the community and for the first week after the tornado served an average of 1,000 meals per day to those in need of help. In an expression of special concern arising from common experience, the Barneveld, WI, Congregational UCC, which itself suffered destruction by a tornado a year ago, sent a financial contribution and also sent its pastor, Rev. Jann Weaver, to assist for a period of two weeks Rev. Jerrad Johnstone, pastor of the Newton Falls church. An initial grant of $2,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds provided immediate assistance. Mr. Kuether advises that directed gifts for meeting emergency needs arising from this disaster go, as always, directly into programs and responses in the area, in coordination with Conference and Association offices.

- The most recent response to a domestic disaster was on September 5, when an initial grant of $2,000 was made available to the UCC Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS. Rev. David Stephens reported extensive damage from hurricane "Elena." Additional OGHS assistance was assured as the ecumenical community assesses the needs and possible response. □

INDONESIA SEMINAR TOUR ANNOUNCED FOR 1986

The Southern Asia Office of the United Church Board for World Ministries is offering an opportunity for those with a concern for mission to participate in a seminar tour to Indonesia, July 28 - August 22, 1986. Under the leadership of UCBWM Southern Asia Regional Secretary Rev. Eric A. Gass, the seminar tour will give participants a direct exposure to this remarkable and fascinating country and will introduce them personally to a cross-section of the involvement of the UCC and other churches in this vast archipelago. The cost will be $3,200 per person (with limited scholarship help for special cases).

Participants should be willing to:

1. participate in a fairly rigorous schedule
2. do some related reading
3. interpret what they experience to churches in the United States

The tour will include such things as:

1. visiting in the area in Sumatra where our early missionaries were martyred
2. time with our missionaries and the important programs in which they serve
3. Borabudur, the famous Buddhist monument in Java
4. Bali, the fascinating Hindu island
5. experiencing some of the exquisite art forms of Indonesia
6. discussions with Indonesian church leaders
7. two days of directed reflection on the tour experience

Responses will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. Some participants are already selected.

If interested, write or call:

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PINNED DOWN

I'd like to talk about butterflies, but not quite . . .

I sought the peace of Monteverde one recent weekend, and spent some time admiring the brilliance of Costa Rica's butterflies. A little girl joined me, and upon hearing that I was "watching butterflies," she ran quickly and brought back a large white net. She explained that her father collected butterflies and she "helped him out" now and then, but "of course kept the most beautiful" for herself.

Fortunately for the sentimental person that I am, the butterflies suddenly were gone, in search of nectar somewhere else. The net was not used, at least in my sight, that day.

I am saddened by the thought of a butterfly ending up on a pin. Under the management of a pseudo or careless collector, the wings which once flew grow dusty, and begin to crumble. The once bright creature of sun and air is then useful to no one, not even to inspire a poem, or to stir the soul with its beauty. Then it is discarded, along with the others that had been collected and made a part of the sometimes unreasonable plans of one more powerful than they.

For the collected butterflies on their pins—may they rest in peace—the struggle is over. But their peace consists of being no longer a part of the open skies and the gentle winds, their fragile life sustained by flight and by flowers. Their condition is out of harmony with themselves and created life. They represent not themselves, but death and dying. In their pathetic form, they are a mockery of all they used to be.

No doubt butterflies on pins serve the purpose of those who want them thus. My argument—for such it is—is not with those who collect butterflies. My argument is with those who sweep up nations in their net as though they were butterflies, and who hold them struggling as though on pins, now subject to purposes other than their own and under control. And perhaps sadder still, NOT struggling but somehow calm, resigned, unresisting their capture in hands more powerful than their will or capacity to resist.

The spiritual force of Costa Rica is to be free, to pursue its own destiny in the world "in pursuit of social, economic, and political freedom" as all nations, but "unarmed" and "neutral." In so declaring Costa Rica's Neutrality on November 17, 1983, President Monge stated:

> You have witnessed my concern, constant efforts and firm determination to keep us from involvement in the armed conflicts that, unfortunately, shed the blood of our Central American brothers, whose heroic struggles in pursuit of social, economic, and political freedom have been tragically intercepted by forces alien to their legitimate interests. (Luis Alberto Monge, *The Neutrality of Costa Rica,* Imprenta Nacional, San Jose, p.25)

Many of us as US citizens and as US Christians who work in Costa Rica have witnessed the "concern, constant efforts and firm determination" of many Costa Ricans to keep their country from being involved in the armed conflicts, as President Monge has indicated about his own efforts. But many of us feel that the United States, a force alien to Costa Rica's legitimate interest in maintaining itself as a peaceful and neutral nation, is causing Costa Rica to become an unwilling but nonetheless major part of the Reagan administration's strategy for the area. Some major refocusing concerning the policies of peace and neutrality seems to have occurred as evidenced by Costa Rica's recent acceptance of lethal weapons for its police forces, as well as the presence of US green beret advisers on a training base only ten miles from the Nicaraguan border. The fact that Costa Rica has nearly the largest foreign debt in the world per capita, and that the United States holds the key to renegotiating that debt, contribute to making Costa Rica extremely vulnerable.

Under these circumstances, Costa Rica might well be "in the net," if not already "on the pin," like others among its Central American neighbors who have become captive before it: El Salvador struggling still, and Honduras, for the most part lying quiet and unprotesting. And my feelings about that are more than sentimental. It is not a happy thing to see this nation's life and death struggle to preserve its integrity, and to feel as a US citizen that my country is not exempt from responsibility for it. It seems the outcome can only be spiritual death, unless there should be a miracle on the side of life. There are many US Christians in Costa Rica who are willing to work, and hope, and pray for such a miracle. □

—Anna Grant Sibley
UCBWM Peace Consultant, Central America

Global Advocates Bulletin Introduced

The first issue of the *Global Advocates Bulletin* has been published by the UCBWM World Issues Office as an experimental new form for making available background information on critical peace and justice issues to members of the Global Advocates networks and others concerned. The Global Advocates Ministry has been functioning for more than a year to help UCC members act on such issues, and through its five regional networks—Central America, Middle East, Africa, Southern Asia, and East Asia—has created groups of people knowledgeable about specific areas of the world who are willing to advocate UCC policy positions. The Global Advocates Ministry has been providing information through briefing papers and special resource materials and has alerted members of the networks when expression of their views is especially needed within the US political process or to secure the safety of prisoners of conscience in foreign countries. Now in place of the separate brief-

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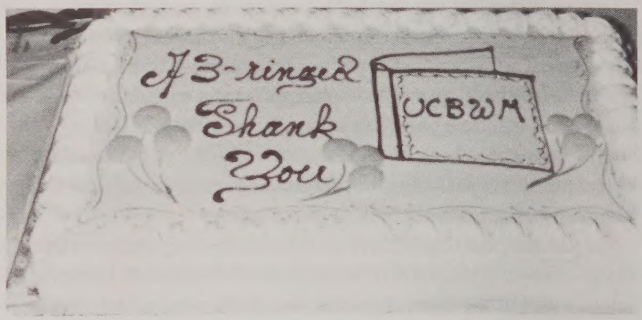
Whole Earth News Briefs

"Thank you for a job well done" was the theme of a farewell luncheon on September 12 for **DALTON SMITH,** Assistant to the Executive Vice President of UCBWM. He retires after more than twenty years of service in the Board office, first as Assistant to Dr. Alford Carleton (1965-70), then to Dr. David Stowe (1970-85), and continuing until September 15, 1985, at the request of Executive Vice President Dr. Scott Libbey to help with this time of transition, to assist in General Synod preparations, and to share in planning the 1985 UCBWM Annual Meeting.

Mr. Smith has worked closely with corporate board members through these years and is warmly appreciated by hundreds and hundreds of UCC members all over the country. He has cared personally about the whole mission of the church and is a supporting friend and advocate for both missionaries and partner-churches around the world.

The entire UCC is indebted to Dalton Smith for his commitment and devotion. We give thanks to God for him and pray God's blessings on him in the years to come.



UCBWM Associate **DAVID LARSON** (Kobe College, Japan) at the invitation of the Chinese Government's Ministry of Culture conducted rehearsals and concerts with the choruses and orchestras of the Canton, Shanghai, and Central (Beijing) Philharmonic Societies, spending one month in each city. A missionary in Japan from 1954 to 1968 and then Professor of Music at Roosevelt University, Chicago, he is believed to be the first American to be invited to conduct with all three of these Chinese groups and the first to have done extensive choral as well as orchestral work. Noteworthy was his being officially requested to conduct religious music in all concerts.

UCBWM missionary **PADMASANI GALLUP** (Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, India) has completed her Th.D. degree at Boston University School of Theology in the area of pastoral care and counseling. Her dissertation topic was "The identity and authority of the feminine in Hindu mythology: Issues for counseling educated and employed Indian women." Our congratulations to Padma for this achievement!

In the newest appointment under UCBWM's Peace and Justice Internship Program, **KAREN R. VANDERPLOEG,** of Minneapolis, MN, has been sent to the Philippines, where she is serving with the Human Rights Desk of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. This office carries out documentation and community services, undertakes efforts on behalf of political prisoners, and provides assistance to their families. The appointment includes one year of service in the Philippines, followed by three months working in the US.

THREE INTERNS APPOINTED

Three Interns have recently been appointed to the UCBWM staff and will be working in the New York office for the coming year. **Daniel Robles,** serving in the Latin America/Caribbean Regional Office, is a native of New York City and a student at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Last year he was a visiting student at the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico and served as an assistant pastor in an Assemblies of God church in Bayamon, PR. After graduation he hopes to enter full-time parish ministry.

Mark Rutledge, an Intern in the Middle East Regional Office, is a graduate of the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, and has completed two years toward the M.Div. degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. While at Princeton Mark worked at Trinity Church as a pastoral assistant, and this past summer together with two other seminarians he set up an ecumenically sponsored day camp for youth from low-income families in Trenton. He grew up in the Central Southeast Ohio Association of the UCC, and hopes to pursue a career in parish and institutional work as a minister in the UCC.

Mark Hamamoto, working in the UCC Hunger Action Office, was born and raised in Honolulu, HI, and is a graduate of Whitworth College, Spokane, WA, with a degree in sociology. He has worked in the youth program of the Central Union Church, UCC, in Honolulu, for the past several summers. Mark was a member of the Hunger Task Force in college and spent a month working in the Los Angeles Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen. □

The UCBWM Latin America/Caribbean Office has compiled a Central America Speakers Bureau for local congregations which are studying the region. If you have traveled to Central America and are willing to be available to speak in UCC churches, please send us your name and address. Copies of the Speakers Bureau list may also be ordered from the UCBWM Latin America/Caribbean Office. □

DISINVESTMENT EFFECTS STUDIED IN CONGRESS

UCBWM World Issues Secretary Dr. Audrey C. Smock was among the finance, labor, and religious representatives invited to testify before a recent meeting in Washington, DC, of the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy of the US House of Representatives Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs which was held to study the impact on the US economy and domestic credit of withdrawal from South Africa. Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-DC) is Chairman of the Subcommittee.

In her testimony Dr. Smock described as "unprecedented" the step taken in May, 1985, by 54 Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic orders, religious organizations, and institutions in the US, coordinated through the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, of launching a collective campaign against the twelve US companies found to be the key investors in supporting the apartheid system. The religious agencies called on the twelve companies to make their continued presence in South Africa "contingent on immediate structural changes in the apartheid system." She went on to tell the Subcommittee: "We believe that if there has not been significant progress toward the dismantling of apartheid by the end of 1986, including such changes as the abandonment officially of the 'homelands' policy, the rescinding of apartheid laws, such as influx control and the Group Areas Act, the restoration of full political rights to all people, and the cessation of forced removals and population relocations, these corporations' continued presence in South Africa cannot be justified."

Dr. Smock described the assertions of some of these corporations that they are working for an end to apartheid as "the height of irony," observing that "these corporations apparently intend both to continue to support prevailing patterns of apartheid, power and privilege in South Africa through their corporate operations while claiming to advocate for reform. If these corporations were truly committed to major political changes in the apartheid system, they would cease all sales and service relationships with the Government and make plans to withdraw from South Africa."

Concluding her testimony by citing an appeal from Dr. Allen Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and Senior Vice President of the South African Council of Churches, for economic pressure on South Africa's government as "a peaceful way of bringing about those changes that our country so desperately needs," Dr. Smock commented: "That the South African Government so feared the witness of Dr. Boesak that it ruthlessly silenced him, first by detention and now by house arrest on charges of economic subversion for advocating divestment and disinvestment is a powerful testimonial to the injustice and economic vulnerability of the apartheid system." □

General Synod Actions

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tigate the Justice Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service's infiltration of church meetings to gather evidence for the indictment of sanctuary workers.

- The Synod also acted to recognize the importance of promoting East-West citizen dialogue and reaffirmed the rights of the German Reformed people in the USSR to religious freedom and Hungarians in Romania and Czechoslovakia to the right to exercise fundamental human rights and cultural freedom. □

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ings previously sent to members of each regional network, the *Global Advocates Bulletin* provides in a single resource—a form which offers the multiple advantages of communicating more information to more persons at less cost and administrative effort—current information on critical issues in all regions of the world, as well as on inter-regional concerns. If you wish to subscribe to the *Global Advocates Bulletin,* address your request to:

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New York, NY 10115

If, in addition to receiving the *Bulletin,* you are willing to undertake an advocacy role when needed, you may participate in a network of the Global Advocates Ministry, membership forms for which are likewise available from the UCBWM World Issues Office. □

Chronicle

APPOINTMENTS

Argentina

Celsa Ayala-Coloma, to study theology at the Evangelical Superior Institute for Theological Studies in Buenos Aires. Theological study fellowship, 1 year. Home church: Grace Congregational, Framingham, MA.

Australia

Charles J. Svendsen, to serve as Interim Minister in the Sale/Rosedale Parish of the Uniting Church in Australia in Sale City. Associate, 6 months. Home church: Thompson Congregational, Thompson, CT.

Bolivia/Brazil/Chile

Theron D. Provance, to study language at the Maryknoll Language and Theological Institute, Cochabamba, to be followed by study at the Evangelical Superior Institute for Theological Studies in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and at the Evangelical Theological Community of Chile in Santiago, Chile. Theological study fellowship, 18 months. Home church: Arlington Community, Kensington, CA.

China

Anne M. Phares, to serve as a teacher of English with the China Educational Exchange in Chongqing. Associate, 3 years. Home church: Minnehaha UCC, Minneapolis, MN.

El Salvador

Ruth M. Killough, to serve in the orphanage of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Salvador. Volunteer, 1 year. Home church: First Congregational, Amherst, MA.

Sharon K. Marble, to serve in the orphanage of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Salvador. Volunteer, 6 months. Home church: Quaker, Flagstaff, AZ.

Jamaica

John W. and Lois M. Bruce, to serve in the Peace Corps, Lois as a pre-school teacher trainer and John in a still-to-be-determined assignment. Affiliates, 2 years. Home church: Congregational UCC, North Canton, OH.

Dale W. and Nancy E. S. Warner, to serve with the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman in a Vacation Bible School project in the Kingston area. Volunteers, 3 weeks. Home church: Trinity UCC, Wooster, OH.

Japan

Leah C. Franko, to serve as a teacher of oral English in the high school division of Kobe College, Nishinomiya. Individual Appointment, 3 years. Home church: St. Mark's Lutheran, Salem, OR.

Nicaragua

Susan R. Bailey, to serve with CEPAD under the sponsorship of Habitat for Humanity. Volunteer, 6 months. Home church: Union Congregational, Upper Montclair, NJ.

Britton R. Creelman, to serve in the Witness for Peace Program. Volunteer, 4 months. Home church: First Church of Christ Longmeadow, Long Meadow, MA.

Philippines

David L. and Margaret J. Hamm, to serve in Marawi City, David at the Peter G. Gowing Memorial Research Center and Margaret at Dansalan College. Volunteers, 1 year. Home church: East Brunswick Congregational, East Brunswick, NJ

Victor J. Rich, to serve as a lecturer at Silliman University in Dumaguete City. Volunteer, 1 month. Home church: First Congregational, Moline, IL.

Karen R. VanderPloeg, to serve with the Human Rights Desk of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines in Manila. Peace and Justice Intern, 12 months in the Philippines and 3 months in the US. Home church: Lyndale Congregational UCC, Minneapolis, MN.

Sweden

Keith E. Weiland, to serve as a chaplain in a drug/alcohol treatment center in Uppsala. Affiliate, 1 year. Home church: First Congregational UCC, Eldora, IA.

Turkey

Edwin A. and Ruth Ann Dudley, to serve in Izmir, Edwin as a contract teacher of math at the Amerikan Kiz Lisesi and Ruth in social service work. Associate/Volunteer, 2 years. Home church: North Haven Congregational, North Haven, CT.

John H. Kemp, to serve with the Near East Mission as pastor and public relations person. Volunteer, 2 1/2 months. Home church: St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul, MN.

United Kingdom

Edward G. Horstmann, to serve as Assistant Minister, St. Giles Cathedral, Church of Scotland, Edinburgh. Associate, 2 years. Home church: Second Congregational, Bennington, VT.

Zaire

Debra J. Pfau, to serve as a bookkeeper/accountant with Habitat for Humanity in Ntondo. Associate, 20 months. Home church: Congregational, South Glastonbury, CT.

Zimbabwe

Peter S. Millard and **Emily B. Wesson**, to serve with the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe, with assignment to the Mt. Selinda Hospital, Peter as physician/surgeon and Emily as a nurse. Team Appointment, 3 years. Home church: Orono Friends Meeting, Orono, ME

REAPPOINTMENTS

Costa Rica

Anna Grant Sibley, to serve as a Peace-Making Consultant in Central America. Consultant, 13 months.

Hong Kong

Joy C. and Willie W. W. Wong, to serve at the Chinese Christian Literature Council, Ltd., Willie as publisher. Team Appointment, 3 years. Home church: Berkeley Chinese Community, Berkeley, CA.

Philippines

Gwendolyn A. Colegrove, to serve as English teacher at Dansalan College Foundation, Marawi City. Individual Appointment, 5 years. Home church: United Church of Christ, Franconia, NH.

Turkey

Carol A. Garn, to serve at the Uskudar Amerikan Kiz Lisesi in Istanbul. Individual Appointment, 3 years. Home church: First Congregational, Boulder, CO.

Alison J. Stendahl, to serve as a math teacher at the Uskudar Amerikan Kiz Lisesi in Istanbul. Individual Appointment, 3 years. Home church: University Congregational, Seattle, WA.

RETURN TO FIELD

India

Jane H. and Theodore C. Feierabend, to serve in the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, until January, 1986, with the expectation of transfer at that time to the International Assistance Mission, Afghanistan. Term, 4 years. Home church: First Congregational, Madison, WI.

Gerda S. and J. Manfred Laun, to serve in Khariar, where Manfred is Director of the Evangelical Mission Hospital. Term, 5 years.

Turkey

Johannes and Sylvia Meyer, to serve at Uskudar Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, Istanbul. Term, 3 years.

Martha Millett, to serve at Uskudar Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, Istanbul. Term, 4 years.

EXTENSION OF TERM

Abbie J. Bakony, Japan, term extended through August 31, 1988.

ALTERATION OF STATUS

Dennis and Susan D. Barger, Egypt, formerly Associates, now Team Appointment, 2 years.

Margaret M. Larson, Japan, formerly Associate, now Individual Appointment, 3 years.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

Carol C. and Lawrence C. Gilley (Swaziland), 12 months beginning December 1, 1985.

Martha Millett (Turkey), 3 months beginning June 1, 1985.

Benjamin M. and Gerlinde Skaggs (Togo), 6 months beginning July 1, 1985.

Hulya D. and James E. Sowerwine (Turkey), 6 months beginning August 1, 1985.

ALTERATION OF HOME ASSIGNMENT

John S. and Karen J. Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia, home assignment dates changed to begin October 1, 1985.

Peter Savage, Latin America, home assignment extended to June 30, 1986.

H. Eugene and Natalie S. Johnson, Africa, home assignment extended to December 31, 1985.

COMPLETION OF TERM

Shirley J. Babcock,
Botswana, Sept., 1982-Aug., 1985.

Chelsea R. Kesselheim,
Turkey, Sept., 1982-Aug., 1985.

Ann R. and Martin T. Lewis,
Great Britain, Dec., 1983-July, 1985.

Carol E. Magoon,
Nicaragua, March, 1985-July, 1985.

David A. Mallory,
Turkey, Aug., 1981-Aug., 1985.

Karl E. and Peggy G. Olson,
Great Britain, Sept., 1982-Aug., 1985.

Cecil C. Prescod,
Barbados, April, 1984-June, 1985.

Edward C. and Frances W. Riggs,
Liberia, May, 1984-May, 1985.

Clifford O. and Jean C. Simpson,
Australia, Jan., 1985-June, 1985.

Edith Siqueira,
Philippines, March, 1978-May, 1985.

Charles J. Svendsen,
Great Britain, Sept., 1984-May, 1985.

Amy Beth Tucker,
Czechoslovakia, Sept., 1983-Aug., 1985.

Ellen Young,
West Germany, Sept., 1984-March, 1985.

TERMINAL LEAVE

Nancy M. and Richard W. Sales, Zambia, terminal leave of 6 months beginning September 1, 1985.

Cheryl A. Calletta, Japan, terminal leave of 3 months beginning July 15, 1985.

Blanche M. and Forrest H. Norris, Turkey, terminal leave of 3 1/2 months beginning September 1, 1985.

Ruth A. Gingrich, Turkey, terminal leave of 2 months beginning August 1, 1985.

TERMINATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Douglas R. and Ngoc May Thi Beane (Thailand), as of May 31, 1985.

Thomas N. Thomas and Katherine E. Brearley (Zambia), as of August 31, 1985.

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Robert L. Adams
Mrs. Hazel V. Adams

Rev. Everett A. Babcock
Mrs. Hannah C. Babcock

Mrs. Mary B. Cushman Brown
John and Betty Kaplan

Mr. Orval Burk
Mr. Raymond C. Kuhlenschmidt

Mr. Ralph L. Cordts
Mrs. Ralph Cordts
Ms. Katherine C. Marchant

Mrs. Faith B. Drobisch
First Congregational Church, Oroville, CA

Imo and Virgil Foster
Ms. Florence M. Eddy
Gordon C. and Carol R. Faerber

Dr. Herbert H. Gass
Mrs. Martha Artopoeus
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Baur
Mr. Ralph Beets
Mrs. Helen Davis
Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Feierabend
Ms. Juanita R. Harris
Miss Isabel Hemingway
Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer
Mr. and Mrs. H. Telfer Mook
Mrs. Margaret L. Muenstermann
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nussman
Mrs. Eleanor H. Olsson
Ms. Ruth Ricks

Rev. Clarence Gebhart
Mr. Raymond C. Kuhlenschmidt

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich
Mr. L. Carrington Goodrich
Dr. and Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich

Mrs. Irma Guinther
Mrs. Nancy A. Mutton

Mr. Charles L. Gunn
First Congregational Church, UCC, Great Bend, KA

Rev. Ben Mohr Herbster
Miss Naomi E. Blalock
Mr. Raymond C. Kuhlenschmidt
Mr. and Mrs. H. Telfer Mook

Miss Gertrude B. Hoy
Mrs. Louis D. Vogel

Mrs. Lois H. Huebenthal
Miss Naomi E. Blalock

Miss I. Mary Ingle
Miss Margaret R. Blemker

Mrs. Lois Jackson
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Rev. Ralph R. Keithahn
Mr. H. Telfer Mook
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Thelin

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Ms. Shermin F. Utku
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Miss Nellie Walker
Mr. H. Telfer Mook
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Rev. Hugh Vernon White
Miss Lavinia Scott

LOSSES IN THE BOARD FAMILY

Lyman V. Cady, missionary in China (1916-1936).

Mary C. Carleton, missionary in Syria and Turkey (1925-1953), died in Columbus, OH, on August 23, 1985, at the age of 82.

Mary Cashmore served three years as a teacher in the Girls' School in Aleppo, Syria, beginning in 1925. She and Alford Carleton were married in 1929, and during the succeeding years they taught in Mardin, Talas, and Tarsus, in Turkey, as well as in Aleppo. From 1937 until 1953 Aleppo was a more permanent home, while Dr. Carleton was president of Aleppo College. They returned to the US in 1954, when he was elected Executive Vice President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; at the time of the formation of the UCC, he continued in the top executive position in the new UCBWM, serving until 1970.

The Carletons then retired to Pleasant Hill, TN, and remained there until his poor health required a move to Columbus, OH. He died on August 22, 1983, and she died almost exactly two years later.

Mrs. Carleton is survived by three daughters.

Dr. Herbert H. Gass, missionary to India (1931-1964), died in Pleasant Hill, TN, on May 23, 1985, at the age of 80.

Dr. Gass was born in Raipur, Central India, of pioneer missionary parents of Swiss origin. After medical studies in the US he was married to Zola Dell Harris, of North Dakota and Missouri, who was then serving on the staff of the Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Louis.

For seventeen years they served in rural medical centers, where Dr. Gass practiced general medicine and surgery. Much of his time was devoted to the treatment of eye diseases and leprosy.

In 1950 Dr. Gass was assigned to the Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital, where he specialized in diseases of the skin and was head of the department of dermatology. In those years he trained hundreds of medical students, many of whom are leaders in their field in India today. He was successful in including the treatment of leprosy in the general outpatient department of the hospital—a signal cultural and medical achievement. He was also instrumental in developing the Leprosy Research Centre at Karagiri near Vellore and continued to be a consultant there until he left Vellore in 1964.

After returning to the US Dr. Gass served on the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine and as Chief of the Training Branch of the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, LA. In 1970 the Gasses moved to Pleasant Hill, TN.

Dr. Gass is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

Alfred D. Heininger, missionary in China (1917-1927, 1945-1949), died in Claremont, CA, on August 18, 1985, at the age of 93.

Alfred D. Heininger and his wife Erma were appointed missionaries in 1917 and sent to Peking in China. In 1927 they left along with other missionaries because of the unsettled conditions in China, and he became Director of Religious Education in the First Congregational Church, New Britain, CT, until 1931. He was Pastor of the Valley Congregational Church in El Paso, TX, from 1932 until 1945. His first wife died in El Paso in 1936 and in 1937 he married Mrs. Marion Tucker Parsons.

The Heiningers undertook missionary service again in 1945 and were sent to Fenchow, North China, returning to the US in 1948.

Mr. Heininger was Superintendent of Walker Missionary Homes for two years before taking another pastorate in El Paso. He retired to Pilgrim Place in 1967.

He is survived by two sons, a daughter, and two step-sons.

Ida Mary Ingle, missionary in the Near East (1936-1975), died in Claremont, CA, on August 13, 1985, at the age of 75.

Mary Ingle lived in her native England only her first eight years, for her father continued the YMCA work begun in Italy in World War I. After private tutoring in English and Italian, Mary had her high school work at the Royal Secondary School in Varese, Italy. Making a home for the next seven years with an aunt and uncle in Seattle, WA, she completed undergraduate work at Pacific University in Oregon and in the Depression added a business course. She became active in the Congregational Church and strengthened her commitment for Christian missionary service.

A book in Italy had early influenced the young Mary and had drawn her to service in China, but it was an opening to teach English in January, 1936, at Anatolia College in Greece that interrupted her studies at Hartford Seminary. Quickly the graduate of a European high school learned Greek and fitted into school, church, and community work. Anatolia College selected her as the principal of the Girls' Division and supported her preparation at the University of Chicago for an M.A. in Educational Administration. She was appointed by the American Board and returned to Greece in 1939, just before Italy attacked Greece and Anatolia College was closed for the duration of World War II.

For the next 3 1/2 years Mary found her desired opportunity to work as a Christian in a non-Christian land, as she taught at the Uskudar School for Girls in Istanbul, Turkey.

In 1945 she returned to a charred site in downtown Thessaloniki, Greece, and began the reconstruction of the Girls Department on the Anatolia College hilltop amid dangers of guerilla fighting and civil strife. She raised money in the US and planned and supervised construction of classroom and dormitory buildings, all the while continuing her teaching and administrative responsibilities. From Greece she received the insignia of the Royal Order of Welfare for her valuable services at Anatolia College.

After almost 30 years with Anatolia College she felt the time had come for a change just as the United Mission in Iraq was seeking a new principal for the Girls School in Baghdad. In 1965 she quickly added Arabic to her language accomplishments and was finding the mission work and fellowship in Iraq a deeply satisfying experience, when the political situation forced out of the country even the holder of a British passport.

In 1969 she returned to the Uskudar school to teach English to preparatory students. She used Greek as well as Turkish also in a personal ministry to a variety of individuals and to groups connected with the Greek Evangelical Church. Under her leadership the World Day of Prayer in Istanbul forged larger ecumenical relationships.

In June, 1975, Mary left the classroom and began her retirement on the European side of Istanbul, where language ability and her Christian witness continued to be significant. "Reacher across gaps," her colleagues called her—in several countries; in five languages; to Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians and to Muslims; to students, parents, community leaders, and to

colleagues—because she had been a constant and zealous learner and, above all, a lover of God and a communicator of the joy of her faith.

She has been a resident of Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA, since June, 1979.

Miss Ingle is survived by a sister and a niece.

Mildred Isely Nute, missionary in Turkey (1920-1962), died in Claremont, CA, on May 6, 1985, at the age of 89.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely arrived in Constantinople for language study in 1920. After eight months of study on Arabic-script Turkish, they were appointed to Aintab (Gaziantep) to help re-establish Central Turkey College after World War I and the local war during the French occupation.

For 22 years as dietitian and as a nurse in the operating room of the Gaziantep Hospital, Mildred Isely contributed to making it a model for this interior section of Turkey. Also, the outstanding careers of their three children pay tribute to Mildred Isely and her excellent teaching of them in the Calvert System.

In 1962 the Iselys closed their forty years in Gaziantep with an exceptionally large and warmhearted group seeing them off at the railroad station. They retired to Wichita, KS, and then to Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA. They continued to be busy interpreting Turkey and the Near East Mission, using slides (for which Merrill was famous), talks, and writing. They visited Turkey in 1969 and were in the midst of plans for another visit when Mr. Isely died in 1973.

In 1976 Mildred Isely married William L. Nute, a retired missionary from Turkey. He died in 1979. On April 30 this year she fell in her room and cracked a vertebra in her neck. She was taken to the hospital and died a week later.

She is survived by two daughters, one son, and three step-children.

Dorothy E. Orner, missionary in Africa (1912-1954), died in Harare, Zimbabwe, on July 26, 1985, at the age of 94.

Dorothy Orner was a missionary from 1912 to 1954. She married Arthur J. Orner in 1912 in Mt. Selinda. She taught Domestic Science in the schools, worked with African women, assisted Mr. Orner in his duties of supervising Mission Day Schools and participated in the total life of the Mission. She was particularly gifted in the Chindau language and was of great service to new missionaries as teacher and examiner.

Mr. Orner died at Mt. Selinda in 1953, following months of illness.

Mrs. Orner has been residing in Harare since retiring from the Board and has been in a nursing home since 1981.

She is survived by two daughters and three sons.

Alice C. Reed, missionary in China and Turkey (1916-1960), died in Claremont, CA, on August 21, 1985, at the age of 95.

Alice Reed taught in high schools in the US after normal school training in Oklahoma and graduation from Grinnell College in 1913. She was commissioned in 1916 and sailed to China as a member of the Grinnell-in-China group at Tehchow, Shantung. Her early acquiring of an excellent command of spoken Chinese aided greatly in meeting the many responsibilities undertaken from 1920, when she was principal of the Grace Wyckoff Memorial School for Girls, until she turned over the principalship of the co-educational Porter-Wyckoff Middle School to a dynamic Chinese graduate of Grinnell.

Miss Reed continued as teacher of English and music, advisor to the Christian Student Fellowship, and unofficially as counselor to all with whom she came in contact. She was called on increasingly to serve the wider interests of the entire North China Kung Li Hui through repeated election to the Council and to special committees. Following the Japanese invasion of 1937, her presence as a neutral American helped in numerous ways to make possible a continued and effective Christian witness in an interior station where hospital, church, and school alike were threatened by the unpredictable encroachment of the military.

Repatriated on the Gripsholm in 1942, she sailed again in September, 1943, reaching China in August, 1944, for continued service at Chengtu, Sian, Peking, and Tunghsien.

In 1948 she became English secretary of the Kung Li Hui, and under circumstances which became increasingly difficult as the Communist conquest of the country moved to its climax, she served with wisdom and efficiency until it became apparent that she too should leave.

Her ability to adapt herself successively and successfully to whatever situation called for her devoted and indefatigable service, her resourcefulness in making plans, her efficiency and promptness in carrying through any responsibility given her or seen by her, her sympathetic understanding of the problems of others, her happy avocation in gardening or in planning buildings, all abilities were early recognized by the Near East Mission when she was transferred there in 1951. While carrying heavy responsibilities as assistant principal and head of the English Department at the Uskudar school, she became also Mission Secretary in 1953.

In both the Far East and the Near East, the name of Alice Reed is cherished by students, co-workers, and fellow-administrators. She retired to Pilgrim Place in 1963.

A message cabled from Istanbul in response to news of her death stated: "Near East Mission remembers gratefully the dedicated, efficient, and faithful years of Alice Reed's service at Uskudar and as Mission Secretary. Not only members of the Mission but also hundreds of her former students are in her debt as their teacher and mentor. We all reverently salute her memory and extend condolences to her family and friends."

Miss Reed is survived by a sister and a niece.

Bertha M. Scheidt, missionary in Honduras (1924-1959), died in Upper Sandusky, OH, on June 30, 1985, at the age of 91.

Bertha M. Scheidt was appointed under the Evangelical and Reformed Church and served from 1924 to 1959, engaged in general educational work. She was Principal of the Primary School in San Pedro Sula.

In 1937 she came to the United States for family reasons, returning to Honduras in 1942. She then spent ten years as Director of the Pablo Menzel Memorial Evangelical School.

In 1958 health reasons forced her to move back to the US, where she worked for UCBWM until her retirement the following year. She has been a resident of the Fairhaven Home in Upper Sandusky, OH, since April, 1974.

Miss Scheidt is survived by two first cousins.

Elizabeth Shaw, missionary in China (1918-1951), died in Danbury, CT, on August 13, 1985, at the age of 94.

Elizabeth H. Shaw was a missionary in China from 1918 to 1951. She married Ernest T. Shaw in 1918. In her capacity of efficient homemaker she welcomed a steady stream of missionaries. In addition, the Shaw home was the center for hundreds of students enrolled in Bible classes and for many other social and religious gatherings. Mrs. Shaw was always active in the church life of Peking, serving on community welfare boards and carrying major responsibility for an old people's home. Her artistic flower gardens brought inspiration and beauty into the lives of all who passed that way.

In 1958 Mr. Shaw died of a brain tumor. Mrs. Shaw has had a serious bout with pneumonia and a heart condition for which she was hospitalized in May.

She is survived by one son.

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Project, Inc., where she was a staff attorney and organized opposition to the death penalty. She holds a B.A. degree in History from Swarthmore College, and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Ms. Young is married to A. Knighton Stanley, pastor of People's Congregational UCC, Washington, DC. □

Africa Hunger Appeal

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A major development program to help Ethiopian villagers and small farmers reestablish their grain and animal production has been funded by Church World Service. The development program, to be carried out over several years, also includes assistance in water resource management.

In addition to support given the Church World Service programs, UCBWM's Division of World Service recently made grants to the Eritrean Relief Committee to assist in the air shipment of one plane filled with seed grain and to the Tigre relief society for anti-cholera medicines air-lifted to Khartoum for transshipment to the affected areas.

The ongoing emergency and development programs in Africa will need continued special support by concerned Christians. UCBWM will make these special resources available as they are received. □

A SEED THAT GREW

Among the events from UCBWM history to be recalled in this 175th anniversary year, one that bears repeating is this story of the incredible growth of a contribution of $1,100 seed money into an investment worth more than $50,000,000. Miyagi Gakuin, a school for girls in Sendai, Japan, with which UCBWM is affiliated, celebrates its 100th anniversary in the fall of 1986. Its small beginnings and remarkable growth are legendary.

In March, 1887, a gift of $1,100 was received by the German Reformed Church Foreign Mission Board in Harrisburg, PA, from Dr. and Mrs. J.I. Swander—he was a dedicated and unselfish pastor in Fremont, OH. Together with an additional $300 from the Board, the money was used to purchase a piece of property in the center of Sendai, near the railway station which was then under construction to provide rail service to Tokyo.

A year later, a multiple purpose two-and-a-half story frame school building with classrooms and dormitory was erected for $8,000. Two missionary residences were also constructed for a cost of $2,500 each. This was done with mission funds.

Miyagi holds the proud distinction of being the first school for girls above the primary level north of Tokyo. It was not until 1898 that the first public school for girls in Sendai was started.

In 1902 the school building was destroyed by fire. A larger brick structure was built on this and adjacent property which had meanwhile been purchased. As the school grew, additional property was purchased, more than doubling the size of the original land bought in 1887.

By 1978 this crowded lot housed a junior-senior high school and college with 3,500 girls enrolled. In that year the property, having become extremely valuable, was turned over to a development company. In return, the development company in conjunction with the government, without any additional cost to the school, constructed buildings on a new campus located in the suburbs of Sendai. The property, which had been purchased earlier by the school, is a very large, wooded site. The school is considered one of the most beautiful educational facilities in Japan. The present value is in excess of $50,000,000! A small beginning gift has grown into a valuable source of education for thousands. □

—Fred Neuenschwander
UCBWM Board of Directors